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AFTER WEEK-LONG NEGOTIATIONS INCLUDING ALL NIGHT SESSIONS, NEW
BARGE RATE AGREEMENT WAS PRESENTED TO BELGIAN BUSINESS FEDERATION
(FEB) AND BARGE OWNERS/OPERATORS BY MINCOMMUNICATIONS CHABERT.
FEB QUICKLY ENDORSED NEW AGREEMENT MORNING SEPTEMBER 4. SHIP
OWNERS WHO CONDUCTED VOTE SEPTEMBER 4 REJECTED AGREEMENT BY
95 PERCENT AND VOWED TO CONTINUE EXISTING BLOCKADES ON ALL IN-
TERNAL WATERWAYS IN BELGIUM. MAIN STICKING POINT IN NEW AGREEMENT
WAS REGULATION OF INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING ON INTERNAL WATERWAYS.
ALL PARTIES NOW AVAIT NEW INITIATIVE ON PART OF MINISTER CHABERT.
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